

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A control apparatus for a fuel cell vehicle, comprising:
 - a propulsion motor capable of driving the vehicle;
 - a fuel cell supplied with a reactant gas to generate power from an electrochemical reaction;
 - a capacitor charged with generated power of said fuel cell and regenerative electric power of said propulsion motor, and
 - a reactant gas supply device which supplies said reactant gas to said fuel cell; and
 - a power generation start device which drives said reactant gas supply device with current supplied from said capacitor to start power generation of said fuel cell;
 - a capacitor charging device which charges said capacitor ~~by the~~with current generated by said fuel cell when a terminal voltage has dropped due to supply of current to said reactant gas supply device by said power generation start device;
 - an output voltage estimating device which estimates ~~the~~an output voltage of said fuel cell, ~~which would drops in the future~~said voltage being reduced when a current is supplied to said propulsion motor from said fuel cell;
 - a terminal capacitor voltage detecting device which detects the terminal voltage of said capacitor; and
 - a propulsion motor drive permitting device which permits power supply from said fuel cell to said propulsion motor when said capacitor terminal voltage is ~~detected to be~~ equal to or greater than ~~the~~an estimated output voltage estimated by said output voltage estimating device.

2. (original) A control apparatus for the fuel cell vehicle according to claim 1, characterized in that said output voltage estimating device estimates said estimated output voltage based on a predetermined accelerator opening related to an accelerator operation amount by a driver of the vehicle.